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In 71.3% of the cases the officers received co-operation from various social agencies, while 28.7% received no co-operation.

It is interesting to note that of the 3,532 cases concluded during the year, 970 or 27.5% were on probation three months or under. This percentage is so large because it includes most all cases terminated by commitments in institutions. One thousand seven hundred and twenty-seven or 48.9% were on probation 4 to 7 months inclusive, while 835 or 23.6% were on probation 8 months and over. It still appears that the probation periods are generally too short.

Of the 157 children registered for employment, 51 or 32% left school because of economic pressure at home, 11 or 7% because they did not pass in school, 15 or 9.6% because they wished to learn a trade, 39 or 24.8% because they preferred to work, 23 or 14.7% because the parents requested them to.

The chief probation officer hopes that as the work continues and statistical material is gathered year after year that a comparison of these yearly results will bring forth valuable sociological facts.

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THE LAW OF HUMAN LIFE; THE SCRIPTURES IN THE LIGHT OF THE SCIENCE OF PSYCHOLOGY, By *Elijah V. Brookshire*. J. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. 1916. Pp. 471. \$2.50.

This book bears the marks of careful workmanship. It is prepared not by a theologian but by a member of the legal profession. It aims at a psychological interpretation of the Scriptures as opposed to the philosophical and the historical interpretations. Throughout the text, the author is dealing with a concept that is becoming, in this generation, more and more familiar to the readers of psychological literature, namely, symbolism. This concept has been developed chiefly in the hands of psychiatrists and it has become of great practical usefulness to them in the practice of their profession. Perhaps most of them are not aware that the same concept is, or is destined to be, of no little moment to the student of art and literature, to the student of Criminology and of human behavior in general; the student of Social Psychology will find this concept to be one of increasing usefulness. This last, it seems to the reviewer, is the connection that Mr. Brookshire is making in the volume under review. The symbolisms of the Scriptures point to unconscious motives which are the common possession of humankind and which, therefore, lie at the root of the development of ethics, law and religion. This book, therefore, should appeal to students of a great variety of human interests.

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